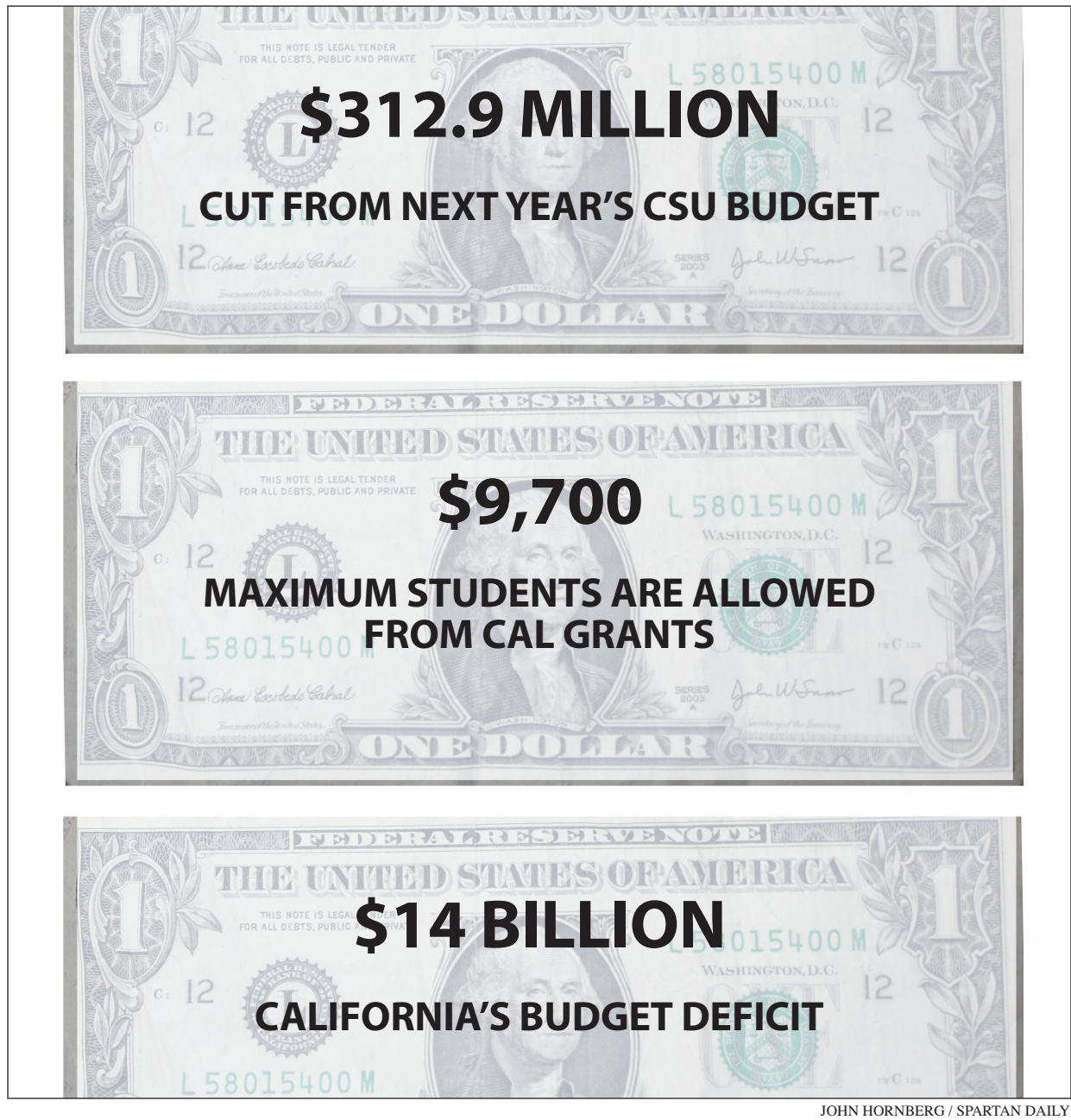


STUDENTS AND CALIFORNIA IN FINANCIAL NEED



\$312.9 MILLION

CUT FROM NEXT YEAR'S CSU BUDGET

\$9,700

MAXIMUM STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED FROM CAL GRANTS

\$14 BILLION

CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET DEFICIT

JOHN HORNBERG / SPARTAN DAILY

Schwarzenegger gets way, CSU money

By DINA BASLAN
Staff Writer

The CSU Board of Trustees agreed to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cut by chopping \$312.9 million from the 23-university system for next year.

That chunk is out of the total of \$145.7 billion CSU budget.

In order to sufficiently fund the 2.5 percent of enrollment growth throughout the 2008-09 fiscal year, Schwarzenegger's budget requires \$386.1 million, also feeding employee compensation, mandatory costs, and avoiding student fee increase.

According to SJSU media relations specialist Paul Browning, the CSU Board of Trustees plans on holding a meeting to discuss the implications of the CSU budget cut in March. Until then, some students will keep their fingers crossed hoping for a steady tuition rate.

"It's hard as it is for students to afford such high tuition, especially for international students," said Tomek Kolodziejak, a sophomore international business major and a transfer student from University of Warsaw, Poland.

He said he hoped the budget cut doesn't affect tuition

"This university has weathered many budget crises, and working together, we will come through this one," said SJSU President Don Kassing outlined as "not included" in the governor's budget.

Sorting out the \$14 billion deficit California is facing, the 23 CSUs expect failure to enroll 10,000 qualified students.

"We recognize this is a difficult budget year, but these cuts will impact student access to the California State University because we will not be able to admit all the students who are qualified," CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed said.

Kassing expressed his concern and highlighted the proposed plan to deal with the defined situation.

"We have joined with many CSU

CHARLES B. REED
Cal State University Chancellor

"We will not be able to admit all student who are qualified."

ing on Jan. 22 in a written message to the campus community.

"Our overarching goals will be to provide quality education for our stu-

Cal Grant: Needy students need apply

By JESSE KIMBREL
Staff Writer

The 2008 Cal Grant, which allows students to apply for the largest source of California's financial aid, is accepting applications until March 2. The hope for the campaign is to encourage more students to apply for a Cal Grant this year so more students pursue college or continue with their college careers.

Jonathan Quintero, a senior kinesiology major, said, "If I didn't have to work as much, I would be done with school by now."

Quintero said he received student aid two years ago, but when he applied this semester, he failed to qualify for a Cal Grant or federal aid.

He did, however, qualify for a student loan and said, "It's better than not getting any help at all."

Quintero said that in order to qualify for student aid, one has to be a full-time student, but if students don't qualify, it means they will have a full load of classes and that they will have to work hard enough to live and pay for school.

The requirements to qualify for a Cal Grant haven't changed from years past, the California Student Aid Commission reports. Students must show financial need and have at least a 2.0 GPA. Applicants must submit two forms, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and a verified Cal Grant GPA form, by the March 2 deadline.

If students become eligible for a Cal Grant, their tuition and fees at California's public colleges and universities will be covered. Some Cal Grants will also help students with the cost of living and textbooks.

Applying for a Cal Grant means

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FEW 'SPEAK UP'

Meager turnout for event at Student Union; Moderator and coordinator engage in discussion



LUKE CUNNINGHAM / SPARTAN DAILY

A student uses the microphone to talk about freedom of speech limitations in the classroom during "Speak Up" held at the Student Union on Monday.

By HEIDI ROMSWINKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

For the first "Speak Up" event at SJSU, not many students voiced their opinion on the topic "First Amendment."

Held on the Upper Pad in the Student Union, located between the first and second floors, moderator Blake Balajadia had one volunteer come up and speak his mind.

"We hope that 'Speak Up' will kick-start student activism, student voice, and critical thinking," Balajadia said. "We didn't have a lot of speakers today, but overall I think it went really well."

Student Union Event Services Manager John Hodgson put this event together with hopes to get SJSU to be politically active.

"It's an election year and younger generations usually are not outspoken," said Hodgson. "San Jose State used to be an active campus, and with 'Speak Up' we want to try and bring that back."

Hodgson has had this idea in the making for a couple years, but has not been able to get it started until this semester.

Although he has waited for a few years for it to start, he is happy that

it is starting at this point in time.

"We have so many things going on right now," Hodgson said. "It's an election year, the 40-year anniversary of Tommie Smith and John Carlos in the 1968 Olympics is coming up and the Gulf Coast Civil Works Project headed by professor Scott Myers-Lipton has introduced a bill to Congress.

"This is the best time for San Jose State to reach out to its students," Hodgson said.

SJSU students were politically and socially active during the '60s

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Spartan Daily pioneer dies at 88



COURTESY OF THE JMC ARCHIVES

Irene Epstein served as one of the Daily's first faculty advisers.

By KEVIN RAND
Executive Editor

Irene Epstein, the first San Jose State University journalism graduate to become one of the department's professors, died Jan. 19 in Las Vegas. She was 88.

The cause was from complications following hip surgery, said her husband, Simon Epstein.

Irene Epstein taught journalism at SJSU and was a faculty adviser for the Spartan Daily over a 36-year span until 1982.

Before beginning her career at San Jose State, though, she served as the Society section editor for the San Jose Mercury Herald (now the San

Jose Mercury News).

In addition, she reported for various publications across the United States, including the Lexington (Ky.) Herald. She gained multi-publication experience because of traveling across the country with her husband, who served in the Army during and after World War II.

"Wherever I went," he said, "they'd hire her — wherever I'd go."

Nevertheless, he said the classroom was where she found much of her fulfillment.

"She cared about young people.

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INSIDE the DAILY

LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS

Think you've got it bad? Meet Nick Vujicic, a man with no arms, no legs and no complaints.

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THE LAST LAP

Swim team wins final home meet on senior day.

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THE ARTIST WITHIN

Nine faculty members allow their artwork to intertwine in a display of traditional photography and videos in the art building.

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MORRIS DAILEY STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The building that houses SJSU President Don Kassing's office and the Morris Dailey Auditorium (shown right) continues to be fenced off because of construction. Work is projected to be finish by August 2008.

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CAMPUS VOICES

What do you think about the proposed CSU budget cuts?



"I don't think that budgets should be cut from education. ... I think that the most money should go to education because that's the most important thing."

PATRICK PARDU
liberal arts, freshman



"It hasn't really affected me much, since I have a grant for tuition. Other than that, overcrowded classrooms, that's the only big thing that it's affected for me."

CASEY PHAM
accounting, senior



"I don't really know about them. ... If it affects tuition ... then yes, I'll care."

VALERIE OUANO
graphic design, sophomore



"Personally the CSU budget cuts do not affect me at all. I don't even know what that is, to be honest."

TRISHA VASQUEZ
hospitality management, sophomore

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GRANT | 'The campaign is for everyone,' CSU rep says

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that students are also applying for financial aid from the federal government, including federal Pell Grants and low-interest student loans, according to a news release from the Cal Grant campaign launch.

"We want students to apply for a Cal Grant before they determine for themselves that they won't qualify," said Ella Ella, an associate at Paine Public Relations who also works with the California Student Aid Commission.

"The campaign is for everyone," Ella said.

Anyone who is planning to attend college or who is already enrolled in college and needs help paying for school should apply for a Cal Grant.

Graduate students or anyone with a bachelor's degree are ineligible to qualify for a Cal Grant of any kind,

"Many students don't know that Cal Grants exist."

BILL MADISON
Communications manager,
California Student Aid Commission

said a California Student Aid Commission representative.

The maximum amount students can receive if they qualify for Cal Grants is \$9,700, and they don't have to ever pay it back.

"More than 90 percent of students who receive a Cal Grant re-enroll in college the next semester," said Bill Madison, communications manager at the California Student Aid Commission.

"Many students don't know that Cal Grants exist," Madison said.

He also said that if more students knew they could potentially receive a Cal Grant or any type of financial aid, they would be more inclined to pursue a college education.

Madison went on to explain that giving students money for college will help them reach their educational goals and earning potential. He also said the Cal Grant program can help California's economy by putting more educated people in the work force.

Conversation with author

Ishmael Beah

a long way gone

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EVENT CALENDAR

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What: School of Art & Design Gallery Shows
Where: Art Building and Industrial Studies Building
When: Jan. 23 to Feb. 1
Contact: 924-4327, tbelcher@sjsuvm.sjsu.edu

What: Free Group Fitness Classes
Where: Event Center Sport Club
When: Jan. 28 to Feb. 1
Contact: A.S. Campus Recreation, 924-6218, ascr@as.sjsu.edu

January 30

What: Center for Comparative Philosophy Lecture Series and Philosophy Colloquium Series. Robert Audi, professor of philosophy and David Gallo, professor of business ethics at the University of Notre Dame, lead the lecture, "Moral Knowledge and the Challenge of Ethical Pluralism and Rational Disagreement."
Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, conference room 225
When: Jan. 30: 4 p.m.
Contact: Bo Mou, 924-4513

February 5

What: Photography Reception
Where: Art Building
When: Feb. 5: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Contact: Wendy Crockett, innie726@aol.com

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CSU | Cuts influenced application date change

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campuses in moving up our application deadlines, given the limits on campus capacity that the proposed budget cuts would impose," he said.

CSUs have already felt the effect of the cuts with the application date being moved to Friday, Feb. 1 for 2008 first-time freshmen and to Tuesday, April 1, for transfer students.

"It's hurting students or people in poverty," said Laurance Chien, a sophomore nursing major.

He added: "I believe it will further widen the gap between the rich and poor."

This year's budget cut follows a \$500 million reduction that occurred between 2002 and 2005. Since the turn of the century, limited education funding was expected to affect California's economy, as it would be lacking an educated workforce.

"As the public university that prepares the majority of California's workforce, these budget cuts will have a direct impact on the state's economy," Reed said, "and on the key industries that our graduates enter, such as nursing, teaching, agriculture, business, public administration and technology."

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See exclusive photos of the fire downtown yesterday evening that injured two people.

Bush gives yearly address

By JOHN ELLIS
Staff Writer

President Bush asked a skeptical public not to worry about the troubled economy or fear a possible recession in his final state of the union address Monday night.

In front of the Democratically-controlled Congress and millions of U.S. citizens watching across the country, President Bush urged lawmakers to pass an economic plan to revive the markets and regain the trust of investors.

“We can all see that growth is slowing,” Bush said, admitting that there is an economic crisis but falling short of calling it a recession.

Economists on both sides of the

“*Al-Qaida is on the run and the enemy must be defeated.*”

GEORGE W. BUSH
President of the United States

issue have taken stances on whether the U.S. is really in a recession or if the economy is just stagnate. This is the first time, however, the president has acknowledged rising food and gas prices, increasing unemployment and chaos in the housing and financial markets as causes and consequences of erratic economic growth.

Bush called on lawmakers to urgently approve a \$150 billion plan — worked out with House leaders — to avoid or soften any recession through tax rebates for families and incentives for businesses to invest and expand.

Tasha Oliver, a junior social work major, said she believed the economic boost that Bush wants from these tax rebates will be put right back into the economy.

QUIET | Range of topics to be covered

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and '70s. When Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in the air to represent black America, the entire campus started talking about it.

Hodgson is hoping that an event like “Speak Up” will trigger students to discuss issues affecting them and to get involved in talking about it.

“We want to educate students on current issues and help them develop their own mindset and opinions,” Hodgson said.

“Speak Up” consists of a series of topics that will be discussed every Monday from 12 to 1 p.m.

Discussions will be held at the Student Union Amphitheatre and will be moved inside the Student Union on the Upper Pad if the Amphitheatre is wet.

Topics range from the First Amendment to immigration in the United States. Discussions start off with a specific topic that the moderator introduces.

Some topics will have guest speakers to talk briefly on their point of view. For the remainder of the session, students are encouraged to come say what they feel about the topic.

The “Speak Up” series is hoping to grab the attention of students on campus and not only encourage them to speak, but also encourage them to do something.

“We want to be able to encourage students to vote,” said Hodgson. “We want to have tables out with information about the election so that everyone can be informed.”

“I don’t think people will hang onto the money for too long,” Oliver said. “They’ll probably spend it as soon as they get it.”

Although Senate Democrats want to expand the rebates by including senior citizens living off social security and extending unemployment benefits for the jobless, Bush warns that doing so “would delay it or derail it and neither option is acceptable.”

Whether Bush intends to veto a beefed-up version of the economic stimulus plan if the Senate alters it remains to be seen. But with the current trend of falling markets and the increasing financial desperation of many citizens, it would be an unpopular decision by an already unpopular president.

Bush has a 34 percent approval rating according to the latest Associated Press/Ipsos poll.

Tim Lee, 19, a sophomore biology major, watched a few minutes of the president’s annual speech while shopping in the campus bookstore. Commenting on Bush’s push for tax rebates Lee believed that the president’s popularity might be getting to him.

“(Bush) just wants people to like him,” Lee said.

Martine Idiart, a freshman biology/forensics major, also watched some of the speech while at the bookstore.

“I heard (Bush) say that people need to watch their debts closely and control them as much as possible, like renters,” Idiart said. “At least he’s trying, I like that.”

The speech was televised at least at two locations on campus, thanks

in large part to the major TV networks skipping regularly scheduled programming. Students could’ve watched the speech at the aforementioned bookstore or at the campus coffee shop.

“*I guess interest in these things only comes when you get older.*”

HARRY SIMON
television, radio, film and theatre, junior

Harry Simon, 61, a junior television, radio, film and theatre major, is new to SJSU and is often at the coffee shop. He said that only a few people were watching when the speech came on and one of them was a gentleman around his age.

“I moved to get a better seat so I could hear it,” Simon said. “Only a few people seemed interested. But I guess interest in these things only comes when you get older.”

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

The president also addressed... — Since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the war has been a main topic of Bush’s annual addresses to Congress. He said Monday night the buildup of 30,000 U.S. troops and an increase in Iraqi forces “have achieved results few of us could have imagined just one year ago.”

“Some may deny the surge is working,” Bush said, “but among the terrorists there is no doubt. Al-Qaida is on the run in Iraq and this enemy

will be defeated.”

Still, Bush said, “The mission in Iraq has been difficult and trying for our nation. But it is in the vital interest of the United States that we succeed.”

He made no commitment about withdrawing additional troops from Iraq, and he said Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. general there, has warned that pulling Americans out too quickly could undermine Iraqi forces, allow al-Qaida to regroup and trigger an increase in violence.

“Members of Congress: Having come so far and achieved so much, we must not allow this to happen,” the president said.

Bush said U.S. adversaries in Iraq have been hit hard, though “they are not yet defeated and we can still expect tough fighting ahead.”

— Said that his annual meeting with the leaders of Mexico and Canada will be held this year in New Orleans, to show off recovery efforts.

—Prodded Congress to extend a law allowing surveillance on suspected terrorists, renew his education law and approve free-trade pacts with Colombia, Panama and South Korea.

—Recycled ideas on alternative energy, affordable health care, housing reform and veterans’ care. Bush also renewed his ideas on climate change and stem cell research.

Bush made only one mention of Osama bin Laden, who remains at large more than seven years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. There was no reference to North Korea. In his 2002 address, Bush caused a stir by warning that Iraq, Iran and North Korea constitute an “axis of evil.” The United States and its allies are pushing North Korea to abandon its nuclear programs.

SPORTS FROM THE WIRE

Spartan men’s team falls to Fresno State

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Ed-die Miller tied a career-high with 27 points and Kevin Bell added 15 points and eight assists in Fresno State’s 75-58 win over SJSU on Saturday night.

Nedeljko Golubovic had a career-high 14 points for Fresno State

The Bulldogs responded with an 11-2 scoring run, putting the game away when Bell stole the ball ...

(10-10 overall, 3-3 Western Athletic Conference), which snapped a two-game losing streak.

C.J. Webster had 15 points and Tim Pierce added 12 for cold-shooting San Jose State (9-10, 2-5). The Spartans shot just 32.3 percent from the field and wasted a 12-point lead in the first half.

San Jose State lost despite a 54-27 rebounding advantage, including a ridiculous 26-4 edge on the offensive end.

Miller awoke from a recent shooting slump to finish 7 of 14 from 3-point range. The senior

guard went 2 of 11 from beyond the arc in a 69-65 loss at San Jose State on Jan. 17.

Miller hit consecutive 3-pointers early in the second half as the Bulldogs quickly turned a five-point halftime lead into a 42-29 edge, forcing the Spartans to call a timeout with 18:26 remaining.

Fresno State led by as many as 18 points before Mac Peterson’s 3-pointer with 10:23 left trimmed the deficit to 54-45.

The Bulldogs responded with an 11-2 scoring run, putting the game away when Bell stole the ball at midcourt and found Miller for an alley-oop dunk.

Miller had 13 points in the first half, pacing Fresno State to a 32-27 lead.

After the Bulldogs trailed by double digits early, Miller and Bell keyed a 27-8 scoring run that included an emphatic dunk by freshman center Jason Webster.

San Jose State bolted to a 17-5 lead behind strong post play from C.J. Webster before going cold from the perimeter.

The Spartans played their third straight game without leading scorer Justin Graham, who suffered a fractured right elbow Jan. 14 against Hawaii.

OBIT | A natural fit for the department

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She loved her students,” Simon Epstein said.

Professor Epstein taught the beginning and advanced news writing courses, Journalism 60A and 60B.

Journalism department founder Dwight Bentel, namesake of SJSU’s current journalism and mass communications building, hired her for a full-time professorship after she spent her first few years on the part-time staff.

“I needed a part-time faculty,” Bentel said, “and here was Irene. And I asked her if she wanted to take a job.”

He said her reputation as a reporter was solid, so the faculty position was a natural fit for her.

“She was always a good person, too,” he said. “She had a wonderful sense of humor.”

Professor Epstein served as one of the faculty advisers for the Spartan Daily during its earliest years.

Besides being survived by her husband, Professor Epstein also has a daughter, Lisa Cohen, who lives in Las Vegas.

“She had a great influenced on me,” said Cohen, who earned her B.A. in fine arts from SJSU in 1972.

Cohen said her mother was an energetic woman who was always “out and about,” even into her later years.

Professor Epstein was born in Jackson, Tenn., on June 26, 1919.

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Outdated building houses President's office, lecture hall; Project expected to be completed by August;

By **MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN**
Staff Writer

The historic Morris Dailey Auditorium and Tower Hall are undergoing a \$2.2-million renovation and fire-life safety improvements.

The project began in March 2007 and is approximated to end in August 2008, according to a news release from the Capital Planning, Design and Construction division of the California State University.

Annie Shi, the project manager at SJSU's Facilities Development and Operations, explained that the renovations and fire-sprinkler installations are two projects under one contract.

"One (part) is for the fire sprinklers to be installed in the auditorium, the Tower Hall, the president's office — the whole building — and the other part is the renovation of the auditorium," she said.

The status of the project is still in the renovation phase, but Shi said the fire-sprinkler system installment may start next month.

Project administrator Daniel No

said the renovation and fire-sprinkler system are mandatory for the buildings.

"Morris Dailey is one of the oldest facilities on campus," he said. "The renovation is really overdue and needed. Pretty much everything is outdated.

"This is a hundred-year-old historic building," No said.

"So there are a lot of things that are not complying with the current code, including the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp, things like that," No said.

He added that an important part of the renovation is to meet the current code requirements, such as the State Fire Marshal Requirement.

"It's one of the oldest facilities on campus. Pretty much everything is outdated."

DANIEL NO
Project Administrator

Morris Dailey Auditorium was first built in 1919.

The news release stated "the building is falling apart due to its age, and many building systems are failing.



ANNE RIGOR / SPARTAN DAILY

Construction will continue through August on the Morris Dailey Auditorium. The funding for the renovation came from the Chancellor's Office and were not part of student fee costs.

"This project would restore the functionalities of the building."

The funds are provided by the Chancellor's Office, Shi said.

They will cover "all design, construction, equipment fees, contingency and escalation," according to the release.



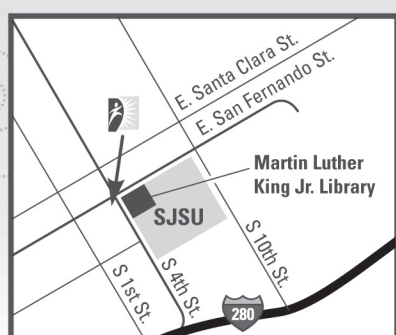
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By **JACOB ADELMAN**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Blue skies opened up over California on Monday after a storm system that had pummeled the state for days finally moved on, bringing heavy snow, flooding and hundreds of wrecks to several states across the West.

Colorado's San Juan Mountains were socked with 30 inches of snow and wind gusts of as high as 100 mph, while roofs collapsed at several businesses in north Idaho after 20 inches of snow fell around Coeur d'Alene.

"They got clobbered," National Weather Service meteorologist John Livingston said of Coeur d'Alene residents. A second wintry blast was forecast to hit the state Tuesday.

In Durango, Colo., about 340 miles southwest of Denver, even the sledding hills were at risk of avalanches after 18 inches of snowfall.

"Anybody who's going out sledding should be letting their parents know where they are, and parents be aware of the slide potential, particularly on north-facing slopes," La Plata County sheriff's Lt. Dan Bender said. "Find a place that isn't real steep."

In Spokane, Wash., where 13.7 inches of snow fell, city officials closed City Hall and urged residents to stay home to give snowplows a chance to catch up. City and county governments told nonessential workers to stay home.

"It's not an emergency," Mayor Mary Verner said. "It's just major

snowstorm of a kind that we have not seen in many years."

In eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, authorities found two snowmobilers missing over the weekend in the 4 feet of snow that fell there.

One was safe in a cabin, but the other was "extremely hypothermic" and under the care of a nurse and paramedic who flew in on a helicopter.

The snow was too heavy for the helicopter to lift off, 911 dispatch director Jerry Boyd said.

Snowbird ski resort in Utah stopped the chair lifts more than two hours early after receiving about 15 inches of snow.

"It's rare to close down the lifts," spokeswoman Laura Schaffer said. "The minute the avalanche danger got up there, we felt it was safer to get (skiers) off the mountain."

Avalanches damaged four houses and a garage northwest of Ketchum, Idaho, and the potential for more falling snow sent police door to door to evacuate 71 homes, said police spokeswoman Kim Rogers.

Those residents were allowed to return home Monday evening.

California finally saw clear skies Monday after a week of downpours and heavy snowfalls, but the reprieve might not last long. There was a 20 percent chance of rain Wednesday, and two more storms, weaker than the past weekend's, were forecast to reach the region on Friday.

No major mudslides, flooding or overflowing creek beds had been re-

ported by Monday afternoon.

But experts said canyons and hills in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties that were charred by last year's wildfires remained vulnerable.

"Even though today's weather conditions have improved, many areas, particularly the burn areas of Southern California, are at risk of mudslides due to saturated soil conditions," Office of Emergency Services spokesman Gary Renick said.

The stormy weather boosted Los Angeles' rainfall to 11.73 inches so far this season, including 7.97 inches this month alone. Normal rainfall by this time would be 6.74 inches.

In Arizona, the precipitation fell as heavy rain, flooding creeks and rivers. Some residents of the town of Carrizo fled for a time after fears that two dams might fail.

The evacuations were canceled after water levels lowered and an inspection of the dams showed no apparent damage.

At least three traffic deaths were believed linked to the storm, and a man walking along a road in Washington state died after being struck by a state snowplow, authorities said.

Thousands lost power, but utilities in several states expected most customers to have service restored by Monday evening.

Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Simon Shifrin in Boise, Idaho; Arthur H. Rotstein in Tucson, Ariz.; and John K. Wiley in Spokane, Wash.

Spartan women can't find consistency

Foul trouble and a frustrating second half send SJSU to its second loss to Fresno State in four days; Record now 2-17

By JOHN HORNBERG
Staff Writer

Foul trouble proved to be the undoing of SJSU's women's basketball team Saturday night against Fresno State.

Coming off of its second victory of the season at home against the University of Idaho on Thursday, the Spartans committed 23 personal fouls and one technical foul in an 83-64 loss to the Western Athletic Conference-leading Bulldogs.

While the players hinted at favoritism by the referees, they were also quick to point out that it's a challenge they need to overcome.

"It's adversity that we have to play through," said guard Myosha Barnes. "We can't get our heads down and let the refs get in our heads. We are basketball players, and we just have to learn how to play through it."

The first part of the game was closer than the 34-27 halftime score would suggest.

The Spartans tied the game 23-23 on an Alisha Hicks 3-pointer with less than five minutes left, but the Bulldogs went on an 11-4 run to end the half.

Even though the score was not in their favor, assistant coach John Langston felt that the team's first-half performance was a highlight.

"They are the No. 1 team in our league, and going into the second



PHOTO BY ANDREW VILLA / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Spartan head coach Pam DeCosta argues with a referee during Saturday night's game. The confrontation would lead to a technical foul.

half we were still with them," he said. "It just got to a point where it came down to calls."

The Bulldogs dominated the second half. SJSU opened the half matching Fresno State in scoring, but the Bulldogs used a 16-1 run midway through to widen its lead to as many as 24 points.

"We can't trade baskets with our opponent when we are down," said head coach Pam DeCosta.

The Spartans were hounded by foul trouble all night, committing 14 fouls in the second half, includ-

formance was for naught in the loss.

"It doesn't mean anything when you don't win," White said of her performance. "If I had a 20-point night and we won like last game, it would be great to know that I contributed to that."

"When you lose, though, it's almost like a clean slate. It doesn't even matter what your stats are," she said.

Barnes contributed 14 points off of the bench, including 12 in the second half — all from layups in the paint.

"My shots weren't falling," she said. "So driving to the basket was another option for me, and it seemed to be working in the second half."

Brittany Imaku, whose play was limited in the second half because of foul trouble, added four points, three steals and six assists to increase her conference lead in that category.

Four Bulldogs scored in double figures, including Jaleesa Ross, who made four 3-pointers and was one of three Fresno State players with a team-leading 14 points.

DeCosta mentioned the rigors of playing three games in five days but said that it was no excuse for poor defense.

"Fatigue could have been a factor for us tonight," she said. "However, we struggled to play defense and



PHOTO BY ARTHUR MARKMAN / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

SJSU guard Natalie White led all scorers with 21 points Saturday night and has scored 20 or more points in four of the last five games.

could not make the stops when we needed to tonight."

The Spartans record falls to 2-17 overall, with a WAC record of 1-5. SJSU will next play in the Event Center on Thursday at 7 p.m. against the Boise State Broncos, before heading back out on the road to face the New Mexico State Aggies on Saturday Feb. 2.

SJSU swimmers prevail on senior day, five seniors say farewell

By ANDREW HERNDON
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's swimming and diving team chalked up its fifth win in a row and its fourth consecutive dual meet win Jan. 26 at the Aquatic Center against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers, 119-98.

Before the final home meet of their careers, seniors Amanda Carr, Sara Riley, Jillene Golez, and co-captains Nikki Chapman and Brie Marhenke were honored by the university with flowers and cheers from fans in attendance.

"I would like to especially single out the performances of our seniors," said head coach Sage Hopkins. "All of them have been amazing contributors to the program and have given



back in countless ways."

The meet followed the standard 16-event dual-meet format but with only 14 events because Cal State East Bay does not have a diving program.

Four of the five competing seniors placed first in seven of the 14 events.

Chapman achieved her first collegiate win in the relay along with her first individual victory in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:21.93. Carr, Golez and Riley each won two events.

"My performance was probably one of the best so far this year," Chapman said.

Riley was victorious in the 100-yard backstroke, as well as the 50-yard freestyle.

Carr finished first in the 1000-yard



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Above: Senior Jillene Golez finished first in the 200-yard butterfly, with a time of 2:09.90, and in the 100-yard butterfly at 59.91 in her final home meet as a Spartan. Bottom Left: Freshman Rudie Guerrero participated in the 100-yard backstroke where she finished fourth with a time of 1:02.14.

and 500-yard freestyle races.

"I got to swim my two favorite events, the two events that I'm best at," Carr said.

Golez also placed first in both the 200-yard and 100-yard butterfly.

Marhenke did not swim and is preparing for the Western Athletic Conference Championship in San Antonio next month.

With five key swimmers leaving the program, newcomers will have an incredible responsibility ahead of them.

"They're leaving awfully big shoes to fill," Hopkins said. "They're all

major performers in the pool, in the weight room and in the classroom."

Marhenke is one of the top swimmers in the world, Hopkins said, and she is nearly impossible to replace.

Both Chapman and Carr expressed sadness about leaving the program, but they said they are grateful for what they've learned throughout the past four years.

"I feel like I'm leaving a really good group of 25 girls," Chapman said.

Hopkins also expressed his feelings toward the departing seniors.

"The attitude that all five of them bring to the pool is something that will be hard to replace but also something that I'm certain the freshmen, sophomores and juniors will do," Hopkins said.

The Spartans improved to an 8-4 dual-meet record with their victory Saturday and are now preparing for

the WAC Championship in San Antonio from Feb. 20 to 23.

"We'll start easing off of things practice-wise, and we'll start focusing on speed and technique," Hopkins said.

"The bulk of the work's been done. Now we just want to get ready to compete."

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‘RAMBO’: SILENT BUT DEADLY

By **ANGELO LANHAM**
Staff Writer

Those who are new to the Rambo franchise may want to start elsewhere, although fans of explosion and dismembering will doubtless love the majority of this fourth installment.

Interestingly, the newest of the series, titled “Rambo,” was directed and co-written, and presumably named, by none other than Sylvester Stallone.

When a group of nice church people finds Rambo, he is skulking around, muttering more explicit versions of “hump the world” and catching poisonous snakes for a living.

Armed with nothing but Bibles and medicine, they insist he drag them upstream to war-torn Burma, quite a dangerous spot for

a Bible club.

The Bible beaters read approximately one page of the good book to a bunch of kids sitting in the dirt when Burmese soldiers (this film’s enemies) attack and the resulting whirlwind of blood and bullets cause limbs to fly.

The church group has been captured.

And the limbs pretty much keep flying until the end credits start to roll.

Sara (Julie Benz), an attractive blond-haired Caucasian female, is the only stand-out in the group of missionaries; in fact, the only one who Rambo is willing to communicate with at all.

She serves as a nice vehicle for many of the heavy-handed, black-and-white testimonials of how evil the enemy is.

Post-capture, we’re supposed to shud-

der each time a Burmese commander who takes a fancy to her enters her shack to give her mean, disturbing looks.



The evil soldiers also blow up civilians with hand grenades for sport and partake in a strange ritual in which they force three

random women to stand on a stage and do something like the Macarena, while said soldiers drink, before abusing the women.

Then, more limbs fly, Rambo and his merry mercenaries go up against all odds and the remaining Bible beaters are rescued.

“First Blood,” the 1982 film that started it all, centered around a small-time Sheriff who was tragically flawed with a bravado that caused him to harass Rambo, a shell-shocked Vietnam veteran, to his breaking point.

It showed how war produces disturbed people with bad flashbacks and touched on the aggression between civilians and the returning Vietnam veterans that was just then beginning to recede.

The new film almost seems to randomly choose a conflicted part of the world and

inject Rambo into it.

Even if it involves real-world conflicts, “Rambo” is a war film just for the sake of being a war film. The plot is nearly nil, aside from the bumbling church mice getting captured and rescued.

Stallone, of course, reprises his role as the hand-to-hand combatant of few words and plays his part well enough.

Like other films in the series, the conflict is simple and easy enough to follow, but it lacks the substance of “First Blood.”

Die-hard action fans will undoubtedly love it regardless, but the film is more concerned overall with the war than it is with the why.

**All reviews are from an entertainment perspective.*

Professor by day, artist by night

By **LIZA ATAMY**
Staff Writer

The Natalie and James Thompson Art Gallery will be displaying the artwork of nine faculty members from the school of art and design here at SJSU.

Included in the pieces are traditional photography, digital print, videos and a handmade book of photographs illustrated with silver gelatin.

“It is not just a display of nine different artists that just hang on the wall,” said Gallery Director Jo Farb Hernandez. “It is a cohesive exhibit where all of the pieces flow well together while remaining unique.”

Hernandez said they looked at what everyone was offering and the work did not have to be similar to one another, but had to be “good neighbors” and be able to “live

next to one another.”

The gallery includes an array of images, colors, individuality and emotions.

A section of the gallery has been transformed into a contemporary “video lounge,” decorated with a symmetrical red couch surrounded by pillows and a large-screen television displayed with headphones. It is where attendees will be able to view the video artwork of SJSU professor, Valerie Mendoza.

“It is very hard designing a room,” said Theta Belcher, lecturer in the school of art and design. “All faculty members are invited to participate and send us choices of their work.”

In the center of the gallery is a montage of photos taken in Washington D.C. by Reed Estabrook. The pictures were

taken around the White House and include over 2,000 lobbyists. There are small post-it notes by the lobbyists, signifying their cause and the building they’re in.

“He is a very charismatic professor and has followed this sort of configuration before,” said Belcher of Estabrook’s display.

“It is amazing to think about the homeless in the front yard of where U.S. government officials are making laws,” said Belcher, referring to the pictures of the homeless in front of the official buildings in Washington D.C.

“This is a really good learning experience for the students,” Hernandez said. “They get to see the personal work of their professors.”

Brian Taylor’s handmade books illustrated with silver gelatin ink are “some-

thing very compelling.” Belcher said. “He illustrates emotions and unseen things.”

Taylor, a Stanford University graduate and SJSU professor since 1979, also writes poetry and has his work featured in several galleries in Carmel and San Francisco.

The photography of Keay Edwards and his rediscovering of the sea is “vast imagery shrunk down, but is still enormous.” Belcher said.

Robert Dawson’s photo display is part of a larger multi-year project. He was commissioned by a group in Spain that is part of a world exposition to go to Guatemala and photograph people who were displaced from their homes by water dams. When they refused to relocate or demanded higher compensation, they were massacred or jailed. “The theme is global water issues,”

Dawson said. “It deals with indigenous people and looks at the effects that large developments have on these people.”

“The beauty of photography is that it emphasizes issues without a single word,” Belcher said. “The moment is captured with an image.”

Dawson, who received his undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, was interested in why people create.

He worked with a therapist at a mental hospital to help patients through photographs.

“I believe that photography can be a form of psychotherapy,” Dawson said.

Each faculty member has had their work published in many major books and magazines. The premiere of the gallery is tonight from 5 to 6 p.m. in Art building 133.

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No arms, no legs, a whole lot of guts



JOSH WEAVER

The Way I Live

Keep things in perspective. Damn, that is a tired, overused phrase — isn't it? Optimism can be a positive characteristic, but those happy-go-lucky people who always find the bright spot in any situation irk me sometimes.

For clarity, here is a hypothetical example. Let's say I have three papers due on the same day. Each of these papers must be 12 pages in length. Oh, and the due date is less than two days away.

And for kicks, let's add that I work nights, making just enough money to scrape by. I'm tired, hungry and I forgot to pay my phone bill.

After explaining the quandary I am consumed by, Mr. or Ms. Hunky Dory, with their positive outlook on life come back with

the pearl: "At least this is your last semester. Prioritize and you will get everything done. Just keep things in perspective."

Wow. Incredible. That made everything so much better. Thank you.

Yeah right.

After the initial anger wears off, the simple statement sinks in, and I have a realization. Keep things in perspective; I guess that makes sense. There are situations I could be faced with that are much worse.

I could be homeless, or I could have been abandoned by my parents and forced to raise my two siblings.

Or, how about having to grow up without limbs?

Meet Nick Vujicic.

Born without arms or legs, he doesn't complain, he doesn't wallow in self-pity and he doesn't blame anyone for the circumstances he has been dealt.

Vujicic, 24, plays soccer, swims and skateboards, but what he specializes in is public speaking.

He travels the world giving his testimonies about the struggles he endured in school and the hardships he faces while performing common daily activities we all take for granted.

He shares the gospel with those who will listen, and despite his handicaps, he gives thanks to God, recognizing the gifts he has been given.

I recently watched a DVD that told the story of Nick's life, and I was amazed by his profound acceptance of his fate and his determination to live a normal life.

He even finds humor in his situation, saying at one point during the video that if he jumped down from the podium he was using, he might break an arm. And he refers to his one partial foot as his motor to help him when swimming.

The trials and tribulations I deal with hold little clout compared to living without arms and legs.

To say the least I was forced to take a long, hard look at myself in the mirror. The trials and tribulations I deal with hold little clout compared to living without arms and legs.

If I complain about little issues, such as too much homework or not having enough time, I'm not sure how I would handle being

unable to throw the baseball around with friends, or use a fork, or wear shoes, or hold hands with that special woman.

It takes guts to do what Nick does. He gets it. He knows what living is all about.

This isn't about religion; it is about appreciating what you have and not taking things for granted.

Sure that sounds cliché, but how often do any of us actually stop and really, I mean *really*, grasp all that we have.

Life will never be easy, and we reserve the right to feel sorry for ourselves — but why dwell on the negative?

I already hate my job. It's retail. I am allowed to hate it. Plus, I was just transferred to a different store, which will increase my commute time and force me to leave at 7 a.m. to make it on time to my 8 a.m. shift.

Oh well. At least I have arms and legs. Keep things in perspective.

"The Way I Live" appears the last Tuesday of every month. Josh Weaver is the Spartan Daily sports editor.

Budget cuts: Terminating education



By HEIDI ROMSWINKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

Since the state of California is going through an economic hardship, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has come up with the perfect solution: take away budgets from schools and let more than 20,000 prisoners out of jail.

I only wish this was the punch line of a really bad joke, but it's not.

Unfortunately, Schwarzenegger has made this proposal, and he could try to convince me it's a good idea until he is blue in the face.

I'm usually a pretty gullible person, but not even the Governor could convince me that this will eventually bring California's budget crisis under control.

According to an article posted on cbs5.com, Schwarzenegger is also planning on cutting \$1 billion from Medi-Cal, dental coverage for 3 million adults and benefits for children of welfare recipients. He also wants to close 48 state parks, nine of which are in the Bay Area.

Shall I continue with the good news? To top it off, he wants to give early release to 22,000 low-risk prisoners and eliminate supervision on 18,522 parolees. Yes, my mouth is wide open too in disbelief.

Is there any real logic behind this "master plan" that Schwarzenegger has in store for California?

Not even the Governor could convince me that this will eventually bring California's budget crisis under control.

It makes absolutely no sense to cut back budgets on things that are important to our state, especially education.

If I remember correctly, I thought that Schwarzenegger was all about funding for education when he was running for governor.

It just goes to show you that people will say anything to get where they want to be. Now look at us.

Just to put it into perspective, Schwarzenegger is cutting back 10 percent of all state agencies, and that includes schools (elementary through community college).

If that percentage is not sinking in, Schwarzenegger has asked the Legislature to cut back \$400 million from schools right away and \$4.4 billion by the beginning of July.

My mom works for the Scotts Valley Unified School District in Santa Cruz County. I have two younger sisters who attend schools in that district.

With this new budget proposal, \$1 million dollars is going to be taken away from the Scotts Valley Unified School District each year.

My younger sisters' educations may be interrupted because of teacher layoffs and condensed classroom sizes.

Is it fair for their educations to be jeopardized because Schwarzenegger cannot figure out a better way to deal with our budget crisis?

Education is everything in our country. Why would Schwarzenegger try to deprive students of their right to an education?

Hasn't it been acknowledged that people who stick with education tend to stay out of jail more than those who do not follow through with an education?

It is quite comical how he wants to cut back on education and free low-risk prisoners in the same budget proposal.

I understand that it must be difficult to come up with a budget proposal that will please every Californian. However, there has to be something better than what Schwarzenegger has come up with.

I agree that California's economic status is in hot water and something needs to be done about it, but this proposal does not make any sense.

Reversing gender stereotypes



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Positively Pessimistic

Fearless. Logical. Superhuman.

These are the words that students in my history class associate with masculinity.

These words, shouted out by students in my class to make men look better, falsely describe the male population.

And as students were busy praising men with attributes that clearly define women, the students were putting down the idea of femininity with the following words: High maintenance. Competitive. Conniving.

These adjectives have nothing to do with femininity, but, rather, they are stereotypes about women.

"Conniving?" I wanted to shout. "No, women are manipulative." Oops — I almost contributed to the ridicule.

I forced myself to keep my mouth shut.

But even after several days had passed, I couldn't stop thinking: Does the woman create the stereotype, or does the stereotype create the woman?

Last weekend my boyfriend and I discussed what we would buy if we made the big bucks.

"I'd pay off bills, invest some money, then buy a new truck, dirt bike or motorcycle," he said.

The typical male response, I thought; no thoughts of a woman or family. Men think only of themselves and aren't afraid to share it.

Perhaps men really are fearless. Dang, I hate being wrong. OK, so I am a little competitive.

Before I could dwell on it any longer,

though, he asked me what I would buy. I hadn't really thought about it. I was too busy trying to predict his answer, which I was right about.

I racked my brain for a response. What *would* I buy?

He made a prediction.

"You'd probably buy a new Coach purse or any expensive purse, wouldn't you?" he asked.

There we go with the stereotype again. He thinks I'm high maintenance.

But, he may be right. I *could* use a new Coach purse, perhaps one in a different color. Crap, I think, maybe I am high maintenance, although I wouldn't need another Coach purse if no one expected me to have one; but I couldn't let him know that.

I was the one who had been thinking logically, the one who was considering the future, not just the present.

So I searched for a different answer, one that included something for him or our future family. I guess women can be conniving, but only because we have to be.

I couldn't let him win (again, the competitiveness), but I couldn't think of another answer either.

I chose to be honest. "I'd probably buy a car," I said, giving in.

"If any guy won some money and bought something for himself, it would be selfish, in a woman's point of view," he said, angry about the unfairness.

"Yeah, and?" I asked, daring him to finish. I, too, became fearless.

"But if a woman buys something for herself, it's not selfish," he said.

Now that was logical, but not in the way he'd hoped.

He sure did think he was superhuman if he thought he could get away with this one.

I couldn't keep myself from laughing.

He had a point.

I know it's a double standard, but I couldn't stop thinking that when a man makes it big, it's expected — so he should share his wealth. When a woman makes it big, though, it's an accomplishment — one that should be rewarded with material items (how else would you expect to be rewarded?). It's not the same kind of selfish.

I almost thought he won this one. I almost gave up, but then it hit me: a response that would bring women back on top and leave men all alone on the selfish rack.

"If I had money," I said, "I could buy myself any car I wanted, but you know I wouldn't. I would buy a car that the whole family could use."

I then reminded him that I've been considering new cars with back seats big enough for a couple of kids. I was the one who had been thinking logically, the one who was considering the future, not just the present.

He said something about it not being fair, that my response was just as selfish as his, but I didn't pay him any attention.

After all, in a matter of minutes I turned something selfish into something selfless, and I affirmed that women, not men, are fearless and logical (I did stand up to him and prove my point). And as for women being superhuman, well, having the ability to turn something around this quickly is a pretty valuable gift.

In that time, I also had become high maintenance, competitive and conniving, but only because the situation forced it upon me.

I told you women are manipulative.

"Positively Pessimistic" appears every Tuesday. Felicia Ann Aguinaldo is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

Comments from our readers

The comments below are in reference to Michael Rizzo's editorial perspective, "Living with honor: One student's struggle for identity," from Jan. 24.

Honorable discharge?

"Amanda had a right-wing conservative worldview when she entered the military. But she quickly found its whole 'macho' culture to be a joke." Why do I think that the military is the last one laughing?

-Garret

Biology doesn't lie

To suggest that society's view of gender is simply an abstract construct is false. The presence of a Y chromosome strongly suggests that an individual is a male. Anybody with a basic understanding of biology would be aware of that.

-Rosencrantz

Don't dismiss diversity discussion

One of the core tenets of higher education at San Jose State University is diversity, and this story serves to help expose people to, and enlighten them about an important part of society that goes largely unexamined or quickly dismissed.

-Rob

What about the health risks?

Amanda is braver than the article dares to say.

Male-to-female hormone therapy's adverse effects include: blood clots; pulmonary embolism; heart attack; stroke; thrombophlebitis; hypertension; prolactinoma; diabetes; nausea; decreased libido; impotence; gallbladder disease; abnormal liver function tests; mood disorder/depression; melasma; acne; lipid abnormalities/elevated triglycerides; elevated potassium; increased risk of breast cancer; hepatitis; liver tumors; infertility; and weight gain.

Can't say I'd recommend the change, or even mention it without discussing the risks. Meanwhile, I'd have a heart to heart with my chromosomes.

-Eric

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